

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace paragraph 1, page 3 with the following paragraph:**

Accordingly, the present invention provides a golf ball ~~and a preparing method~~ as defined below.

**Please replace paragraph 3, page 23 with the following paragraph:**

According to the invention, the hardness of the cover outer layer is set higher than that of the cover inner layer. The hardness difference between the cover outer layer and the cover inner layer is preferably at least 1, more preferably at least 3, even more preferably at least 5 Shore D hardness units. With too small a hardness difference, the feel on impact may be exacerbated and the spin rate on driver (W#1) shots may increase, failing to travel a distance. ~~The upper limit of hardness~~ The upper limit of hardness difference is preferably up to 25, more preferably up to 20, even more preferably up to 15. With too large a hardness difference, durability to cracking by repeated impact may be exacerbated.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 1

Attachment: Replacement Sheet